

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are reinstated claims (formerly claims 46-49 in the parent application). Claims 5-9 are newly presented claims. Claims 1-4 were rejected in an Office action issued on the parent application (copy of the Office action is submitted herewith) under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by McLemore et al. (“how do I alias a server and make it look like a dedicated server,” December 9, 1994).

McLemore does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the limitation of claim 1 of the present invention, and a rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is improper.

35 U.S.C. 102(b) states:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –  
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for the patent

Claim 1 of the present invention reads:

1. A computer executing a Web server program, comprising:
  - a plurality of virtual hosts accessible using connection requests passed over a computer network, each of the virtual hosts being identified by a corresponding virtual host identifier includable in a connection request;
  - a plurality of executable modules, each of the modules defining a predetermined function;
  - a plurality of configuration sub-files corresponding to the virtual hosts, each of the configuration subfiles defining which of the executable module functions are usable by a corresponding one of the virtual hosts.

In the Office action mailed January 29, 2003, McLemore is cited as anticipating claim 1’s limitation a plurality of executable modules, each of the modules defining a predetermined function at page 2, lines 50-53.

McLemore at page 2, lines 50-53 reads:

Each instance of the server handling a different one of your host's addresses. Each server is entirely independent, and may have a different set of configuration files.

This text in McLemore clearly does NOT contain the limitation of claim 1. Specifically, there is no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion of a plurality of executable modules, each of the modules defining A PREDETERMINED FUNCTION.

In the Office action mailed 1/29/03, McLemore is cited as anticipating claim 1's limitation of a plurality of configuration sub-files corresponding to the virtual hosts, each of the configuration sub-files defining which of the executable module functions are usable by a corresponding one of the virtual hosts at page 2, lines 53-56, pages 4-11.

McLemore at page 2, lines 53-56 reads:

In fact, a each server must have a different configuration file, and must have a different set of log files and pid files, but they can share some of the other files.

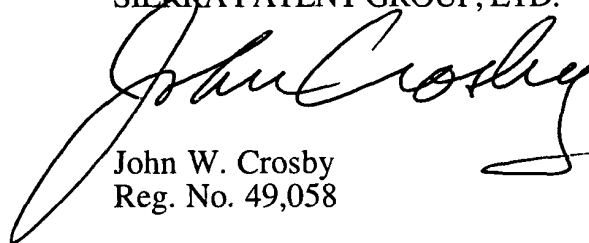
This language in McLemore clearly does NOT contain the limitation of claim 1. Specifically, McLemore at page 2, lines 53-56 only discusses log files and pid files, but does NOT mention configuration sub-files that define which of the executable module functions are usable by a corresponding one of the virtual hosts.

After reviewing the eight pages of software source code that embody McLemore pages 4-11, Applicant is unable to locate any instructions that indicate claim 1's limitation of a plurality of configuration sub-files corresponding to the virtual hosts, each

of the configuration sub-files defining which of the executable module functions are usable by a corresponding one of the virtual hosts. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review this cited portion of McLemore, and specifically indicate which portion of pages 4-11 anticipate Applicant's limitation in claim 1.

Applicant submits that in light of the above arguments, claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the additional claims as soon as possible and contact the undersigned attorney if the Examiner feels there are any matters that can be resolved by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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